

City Artist Program

The City of Reno is now seeking a visual artist to serve as the City Artist for 2021/2022. The mission of this program is to promote visual artists living in Reno, to highlight visual art in the community, and to engage with the public through visual art. The City Artist will also have the opportunity to learn about the local government process and engage with constituents about their art.

Requirements of Candidates:

To be considered for the position of City Artist, an artist must be a Reno resident and be able to complete the duties listed below. This position is open to visual artists.

Description:

This is a one year appointment with a stipend of \$2,000. Plus potential purchase of a piece of the artist's work, up to \$2,000, to become part of the City of Reno Metro Art Collection. Duties would include:

- Exhibition of artist's work in Metro Gallery
- Curation of an exhibition in the Metro Gallery
- Two public talks: A public talk about artist's art/solo exhibition, a talk about the curated exhibition
- City Council presentation/public comment
- One additional community engagement requirement that fulfills the City of Reno's Arts & Culture Commission's strategic goals on diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Provide a consultation with the next year's City Artist

General timeline of appointment:

- Begins 7/2021
- Solo exhibition in Metro Gallery 8/2021 12/2021
- First public talk 7/2021 12/2021
- Curated exhibition in Metro Gallery 3/2022 6/2022
- Second public talk 1/2022 6/2022
- Council presentation 7/2021 6/2022

Selection Process:

The selection process will be facilitated by the Reno Arts & Culture Commission (RACC) and their Public Art Committee (PAC). The committee will use the criteria of past community engagement, distinguished achievements, quality of work, strength of gallery curation proposal, appropriateness of work for a public space, and ability to present and advance visual art in the public domain.

Application process:

Please submit the following items as part of your application packet (documents should be in PDF format and images in JPG format):

- Artistic resume with contact information, exhibitions and relevant experience
- Work samples
- Cover letter explaining interest in the position
- Curated show proposal (cannot be a solo show of artist's own work nor include work previously shown in Metro Gallery)
- Letter of recommendation (at least one letter is required but you may submit up to two)

Deadline:

Please submit a completed application by 11:59 pm pm on April 30, 2021 via <u>Submittable</u>: https://cityofrenoartsandculturecommission.submittable.com/submit/189249/city-of-reno-city-artist-program-2021-2022

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Berner, Acting Manager of Arts, Culture, and Events, at 775-399-0574 or bernerm@reno.gov.

